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SUBJ: LETTER FOR PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

PRIME MINISTER VORSTER SENDS THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO
PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE PRETORIA

28-9-76

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

QUOTE MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF THE 25TH
SEPTEMBER ABOUT MR. SMITH'S STATEMENT ON FRIDAY THE 24TH
ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS WHICH EMANATED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS
WITH DR. KISSINGER.

QUOTE I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT IF ALL PARTIES ADHERE
TO THESE PROPOSALS, AN EXCALATING CONFLICT CAN BE AVOIDED,
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN BE BROUGHT CLOSER TO PEACE.

QUOTE MR. SMITH HAS IN FACT FULFILLED HIS
SIDE OF THE BARGAIN AND I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, BUT THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT THE OTHER SIDE BE PERSUADED TO DO LIKEWISE IF THE
GOAL OF PEACE IS TO BE ACHIEVED.

QUOTE I GREATLY VALUE YOUR WORDS OF APPRECIATION
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OF OUR ROLE IN THIS EFFORT. WE FROM OUR SIDE ARE GRATEFUL

FOR WHAT DR. KISSINGER -- WITH YOUR BLESSING, MR. PRESIDENT --
IS TRYING TO DO, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO CONVERT INTO PRACTICAL REALITY WHAT HAS SO FAR BEEN
AGREED ON PAPER. I ACCEPT AND AM ALSO GRATIFIED TO NOTE,
THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTRIBUTE IN WHATEVER WAY IS
REQUIRED TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

YOURS SINCERELY, UNQUOTE

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